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SUBJECT: INDIA-IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT COVERING USSR-
SUPPLIED HEAVY WATER
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PASS ACDADIRECTOR WARNKE FROM VAN DOREN

1. SUMMARY: US MISSION TO IAEA HAS RECOMMENDED WE

APPROACH SOVIETS ON SUBJECT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. MOROKHOV SEEMS BEST PERSON TO RECEIVE SUCH DEMARCHE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE TO MAKE SUCH APPROACH. ACDA OFFICER ROBERT EINHORN ALSO IN GENEVA FOR CTB NEGOTIATIONS AND IS FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT. REFTELS BEING REPEATED TO US MISSION GENEVA. END SUMMARY.

2. IAEA ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL HALL MET AT HIS REQUEST WITH REPS OF US, USSR, CANADA AND UK ON JULY 15 TO SEEK CONCURRENCE IN LETTER TO INDIAN AEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA URGING SUBJECT AGREEMENT COVER BOTH RAPP REACTORS. DETAILS IN REFTELS.

3. DEPARTMENT/ACDA CONCUR IN SUGGESTION PARA. 9 REFTEL ARE URGING USSR TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH INDIANS AND CONSIDER ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE PRESENCE IN GENEVA A TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO THIS ISSUE WITH MOST APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIAL, SCAE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN MOROKHOV.

4. REFTELS PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND, PARTICULARLY ON SAFEGUARDS SITUATION AT RAPP. SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO EXPORT 200 TONNES OF HEAVY WATER TO INDIA FOR RAPP II. CANADA'S CUTOFF OF NUCLEAR AID TO INDIA HAS CREATED UNCERTAINTY OVER A CONTINUATION OF SAFEGUARDS ON THESE REACTORS AND SOVIET HEAVY WATER SUPPLY OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO FIRM UP SAFEGUARDS SITUATION ON BOTH REACTORS (SEE REF (B)). TERMS OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT CRITICAL TO AVOIDING A SITUATION WHERE THE INDIANS ARE ABLE TO PRODUCE LARGE QUANTITIES OF UNSAFEGUARDED PLUTONIUM.

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5. THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED WITH MOROKHOV BEFORE, BUT PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE SOVIETS HAD EXPORTED FIRST 50 TONNES BEFORE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT HAD BEEN CONCLUDED WITH IAEA. THEY HAVE ASSURED US NO MORE SHIPMENTS WILL BE MADE UNTIL SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT CONCLUDED AND HAVE INDICATED SYMPATHY WITH OUR POSITION THAT BOTH REACTORS BE COVERED.

6. WE SUGGEST MR. WARNKE DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING:

-- US REPRESENTATIVES AT THE IAEA IN VIENNA HAVE REPORTED ON RECENT DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WITH INDIA COVERING USSR-SUPPLIED HEAVY WATER. THE INDIANS HAVE HITHERTO RESISTED EFFORTS TO HAVE THE AGREEMENT APPLY TO ENTIRE RAJASTHAN POWER STATION.

-- THIS ISSUE APPEARS TO BE COMING TO A CRITICAL POINT SINCE THE TERMS ARE ALL AGREED EXCEPT FOR THIS ONE ITEM.

IAEC CHAIRMAN SETHNA HAS RECOMMENDED BOARD CONSIDERATION
OF AGREEMENT WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE REACTORS.

-- THIS QUESTION IS OF CONSIDERABLE NON-PROLIFERATION
IMPORTANCE. WE WOULD URGE USSR AS
EXPORTER IN THIS CASE TO APPROACH THE INDIANS AND
STRONGLY URGE THEY ADOPT THE IAEA'S POSITION.

-- WE ARE CONFIDENT CHAIRMAN MOROKHOV RECOGNIZES THE
SERIOUS NATURE OF THIS QUESTION AND WILL TAKE A FIRM
POSITION IN SUPPORT OF THE AGENCY. VANCE

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